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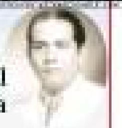
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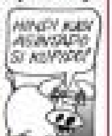
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In the end, the 'torpe' gets the girl, says study

By Vincent Cabreza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—HERE'S THE real stuff of romance, at least among the students in this summer capital: In the end, the *torpe* gets the girl.

IN THE END A4





THE ROMANCE OF THE ROSE: Of course, say it with flowers but a rose says it best and says it sweetest and says it all on this day for lovers. Give someone one single rose, and there's no need for words. Happy Valentine's! May your day be like a red, red rose.

7 of 10 Filipinos believe 'love is blind,' SWS survey finds

SHAKESPEARE SAID IT FIRST AND IT STILL RINGS true today—"[But] love is blind and lovers cannot see/ The pretty follies that themselves commit."

Seven of every 10 Filipinos believe this to be so, with nearly half (47 percent) saying that they had experienced or felt it, according to a recent survey of the Social Weather Stations.

More women (72 percent) said "yes" when asked: "Do you believe in the saying, 'Love is blind'?"

Nearly one of every two (48 percent) also said "Yes" to the follow-up question: "If so, can you say you have already experienced it?"

Of the men, 68 percent said they believed that "love is blind" and 45 percent said they had experienced it.

According to the survey, more men tend to believe that "love is blind" as they grow older, while there was no difference among women across age groups.

Belief that "love is blind" is slightly higher among

7 OF 10 FILIPINOS A4

24 RP seamen released

No ransom asked by Nigerian kidnappers

ABUJA, NIGERIA — Their Nigerian kidnappers have released all 24 Filipino seamen they had been holding captive in the creeks of the oil-producing Niger Delta since Jan. 20, the men's employer, German shipping firm Baco-Liner, said yesterday.

The kidnappers said they freed the men "on humanitarian grounds" without receiving any ransom, following the intervention of local elders and authorities. Most abductions in the anarchic Niger Delta are resolved after money changes hands.

"All 24 hostages are on board our vessel, Baco-Liner 3, and they're on their way to Warri now where they will be handed over directly to our agent," a spokesperson for the company said, referring to the main city in the western delta.

He said the men were tired but in good health.

In Manila, President Macapagal-Arroyo welcomed the release, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said in a statement.

"The President is very pleased and relieved to hear this good news. She thanks the Nigerian government for their valuable assistance and likewise commends the DFA (Department of Foreign Affairs) in our post in

24 RP SEAMEN A6



UN HIGH COMMISSIONER for Human Rights special rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions, Philip Alston, crosses Edsa from Camp Crame to Camp Aguinaldo on Tuesday.



WELCOMING, HOPING: Militant groups and relatives of victims of political killings in Southern Tagalog stage a rally in front of Camps Crame and Aguinaldo while Alston visits the two camps for a round of meetings with the top brass.

EU, UN need Melo report to help in RP probe

By Cynthia D. Balana and Alcuin Papa

THE EUROPEAN UNION VIEWS "very seriously" the unabated killing of leftist activists in the Philippines and wants to help the government conduct a more transparent investigation.

But first, according to Baudouin Lamberts, director general for external relations of the European Commission, it needs a copy of the report of the Melo Commission which President Macapagal-Arroyo formed in August 2006 to look into the killings.

"The Philippines and the EC agreed on the importance of protecting human rights and on the need to properly investigate unexplained killings. Our position is, of course, to support all the efforts made by the government in order to identify the perpetrators and to prevent further killings," Lamberts said yesterday at a joint press conference held jointly with the Department of Foreign Affairs on the 5th Philippines-European

EU, UN TO HELP A6

Villar with UNO but he's going 'solo'

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

SENATE PRESIDENT MANUEL Villar will go "solo" on the campaign trail to win a fresh six-year term in the Senate despite agreeing to sign on as a guest candidate of the United Opposition (UNO).

Villar said no conditions were set for his inclusion in the opposition slate.

"I did not ask [for] anything and I will not give anything. There is just an understanding and camaraderie," Villar said in an interview with reporters.

Villar said he was not compelled to place UNO on his campaign posters and in his television spots and radio jingles.

Opposition senatorial candidate Francis Escudero said it was Villar's loss if he campaigned without the rest of the UNO ticket.

"How can we help him if he's not with us on sorties? With our meager resources, how can we put up tarpaulins for him at our rallies or come up with vehicles carrying his name in motorcades?" Escudero said.

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said Villar and Sen. Francis Pangilinan's claim of being independent candidates was a "political tactic" so they would not turn off supporters among President Macapagal-Arroyo's allies.

"That's just for show. Since they agreed (to be guest candidates), for all intents and purposes, they are opposition," Pimentel said.

VILLAR A10

When cool charmer meets Pacman deadly embrace

By Christian V. Esguerra

CAN HER CHARM WITHSTAND one of the deadliest punchers in boxing?

The fight to be the representative of South Cotabato (1st district) will pit reelectionist Rep. Darlene Antonino-Custodio against Manny Pacquiao, who was voted the top pound-for-pound boxer in the world for 2006 by Ring Magazine.

The first district includes General Santos City, hometown of Pacquiao, a former bakery and construction worker.

But the 33-year-old Custodio, who is seeking her third and last term, doesn't seem fazed by the prospect of going against the hugely popular Pacquiao.

"I wasn't shocked or anything," she told the Inquirer yesterday. "I knew even before that he was going to run."

Pacquiao on Monday declared that he would seek the congressional seat of his hometown, running under the pro-administration wing of the Liberal Party.

WHEN COOL A10

Chiz to Joker: You abandoned rule of law

By Norman Bordadora

HOUSE MINORITY LEADER Francis Escudero said it was Sen. Joker Arroyo who abandoned the constitutional process in 2001 and paved the way for then President Joseph Estrada's downfall.

Escudero, a Senate candidate of the United Opposition that Arroyo and Sen. Ralph Recto had shunned, said Arroyo took the unconstitutional route when he led the walkout of House prosecutors from the Senate impeachment court in January 2001.

"Who abandoned the impeachment process in 2001? Who became as abandoned the constitutional process?" said Escudero in a telephone interview.

CHIZ TO JOKER A10

Pasig River ferry sails again thru RP's 1st highway

By Joan Orendain
Contributor

STRIKE A WIN FOR COMMUTERS—the Pasig River Ferry Service is coming on line today with two boats, cutting travel time for them by as much as 80 percent. Fares, too, will cost at least a third less—another win.

The launch of the service will be conducted by President Macapagal-Arroyo herself. Ferry Passenger No. 1 will sail down the Pasig in air-conditioned comfort in a twin-hulled catamaran 24.5 meters long by 7 meters wide.

Catamarans are more stable than single-hulls, provide a wider deck, and are more comfortable. Each vessel has a capacity of 152 passengers. Two earth-friendly diesel engines of 335 horsepower each will run at an average operating speed of 18 knots.

Apart from commuters receiving the welcome addition to their range of transport choices, the Maiyu ng [illegible] of the] Pasig also would be pleased. A figure of legend attached to the romance of the Philippines' first water highway, passengers may view her beauty out of panoramic windows—where areas are relatively unspoiled.

Five of 10 terminals along the Pasig have been built and are ready for operation. These

PASIG RIVER A6

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WEATHER FORECAST

Gonzalez overstaying, says Salonga

MALACAÑANG HAS BEEN ABUSING ITS AUTHORity to appoint Cabinet secretaries in an acting capacity to circumvent confirmation by the congressional Commission on Appointments, according to former Senate president Jovito Salonga.

Yap: New oath for old agri post

By Michael Lim Ubac

Singapore PM here for state visit

By Michael Lim Ubac and Tarra Quismundo



ARRIVAL HONORS for Singapore Prime Minister Nathan at the Palace grounds.

Cayetano vs Cayetano: Cheap shot, says one

By Christian V. Esguerra

GMA wants high-level campaign

By Michael Lim Ubac

Be wary of migratory birds, public told

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Oil firms cut LPG prices by 56¢

By Abigail L. Ho

Budget to undergo line veto

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Barbers' 'kidnappers' free on bail

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UN also conducts inquiry

'Nothing to hide'

State accountability

'Good exchange'

Pasig River ferry sails ...

More boats coming

Private-public partnership

Life vests

4 more stations

In the end, the 'torpe' gets the girl ...

Compassion

Masks

Roles

Men as initiators

7 of 10 Filipinos believe 'love is blind'–SWS

Live-in partners

Similar situation

Kate Pedroso, Inquirer Research

BELIEF IN AND EXPERIENCE OF "LOVE IS BLIND", BY LOCATION AND CLASS, NOVEMBER 2006

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Yes, I believe	70%	71%	72%	75%	60%	65%	73%	68%
Have experienced	47	49	45	51	45	40	45	34
Have not experienced yet	23	22	27	25	14	25	27	33
No, I don't believe	30	29	28	25	40	35	28	32

Fourth Quarter 2006 Social Weather Report

Lapola Po last man in, promises free 'ukay-ukay'

Aka 'Fernando Po'

Platform, not form

Escudero kicks off campaign for Senate in cyberspace

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Confusing

Out of fashion

Beliefs converge

Shallow

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That which unites Pinoys

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IT WASN'T A GOOD SIGN FOR THE ARROYO administration that its Senate slate was completed in a photo finish.



It's the season of the 'balimbing' again

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

Love conquers all

THERE'S THE RUB

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A first look at the senatorial lineups

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Heart Center at 32

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Michael L. Tan

The truth about love

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Rina Jimenez-David

Love letters to Rizal

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Punishing DepEd teachers for the incompetence of others

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$200-M 'whispers' are just rumors

The facts, not just MJ's word vs Erap's



Veterans in GMA's mind

When journalism and advertising get muddled

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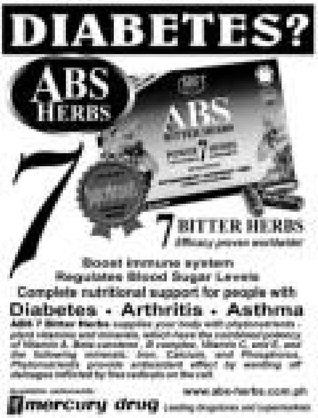
CEBU CITY—THE OMBUDSMAN UPHELD AN ORder dismissing Iloilo Gov. Niel Tupas Sr., which would also bar him from holding any public office.



ILOILO CHINATOWN

Lim bares JDV bid to make him drop out of race

Mercury poisoning fear closes school







New puffer fish alert out as 4 die



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No bird flu symptoms seen in Sorsogon

Cops charge INC member with slays

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RP told Oriental treatment is better

Acupuncture

Flaw



INQUIRER Northern Luzon

A love story thru war, poverty, illness

"YOUR GRANDMOTHER DIED in your *lolo's* arms. It was like a scene from Camelot."



DIOSDADO MACAPAGAL



PURITA DE LA ROSA

Purita de la Rosa died in the arms of her husband, Diosdado Macapagal

'Sweet, kind, pretty'

'Sublime feeling'

Japanese youths learn Pinoy family values

MANY FILIPINOS HAVE grown up on the country and have gone abroad for a better life, but a Japanese has found hope in the Philippines.

Money vs family

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God's little souls



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NBI says judges, justices are at risk

Bureau signs MOA on judicial security with Supreme Court



MUST LOVE DOGS

Two dogs become blood brothers—literally

200 couples to tie knot in Muntinlupa

White doves, too

Survival chances

'Short-time' can lead to yearlong jail term

Additional men

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Cheap but risky option for daring couples

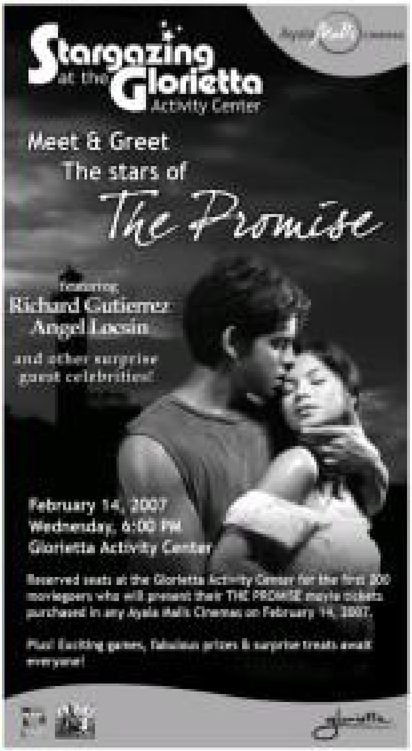
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Behavior

Lim libel hearing vs Inquirer writers set today





Two dogs …

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was also brought home by Santiago's husband in the early hours of the morning.

Santiago woke up the next day to find him beside DJ on the floor.

The days following, they fed DJ water and milk. He was also given vitamins to strengthen his immune. DJ took his medicine without protest. Santiago's other two dogs, Sparky and Shadow, would occasionally visit DJ. Santiago said they seemed to realize their playmate needed special attention.

The dog continued to get better. Though DJ was no longer his old self, he was not as sick as before.

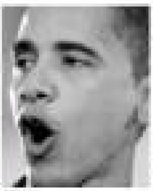
What improved his [illegible] and what could have helped speed up his recovery was DJ's will to live. Janiz and Pitapit ruled out euthanasia because the dog showed signs he was not about to stop struggling to regain his ability to move.

As DJ now walks around the hallway of the UP College of Mass Communication, nobody realizes what he went through the last two months. They only see a [illegible] accompanying his guardian, barking occasionally at strangers, as she walks around the building.

Australian PM faces storm after criticizing Obama



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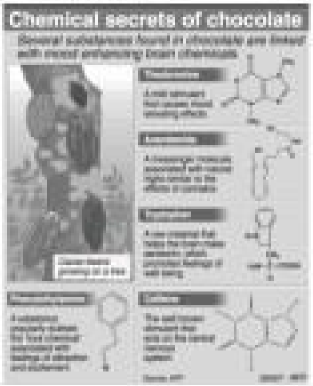


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Thaksin's wife faces tax raps

Study suggests possible bird flu immunity

Guinea declares martial law



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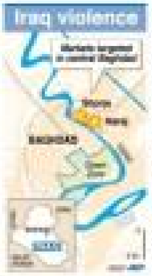
Online ads: lovers' lost and found

NEW YORK—THEY LOCKED eyes with a stranger on a train or in a store, became quickly intrigued, and later regretted not even saying "hello."

What are the chances!

Bomb attacks kill 95 in Iraq in just 2 days

BAGHDAD—DEVASTATING BOMB ATTACKS ripped through two popular central Baghdad markets on Monday, killing at least 79 people in a lethal response to the Iraqi government's latest security plan.



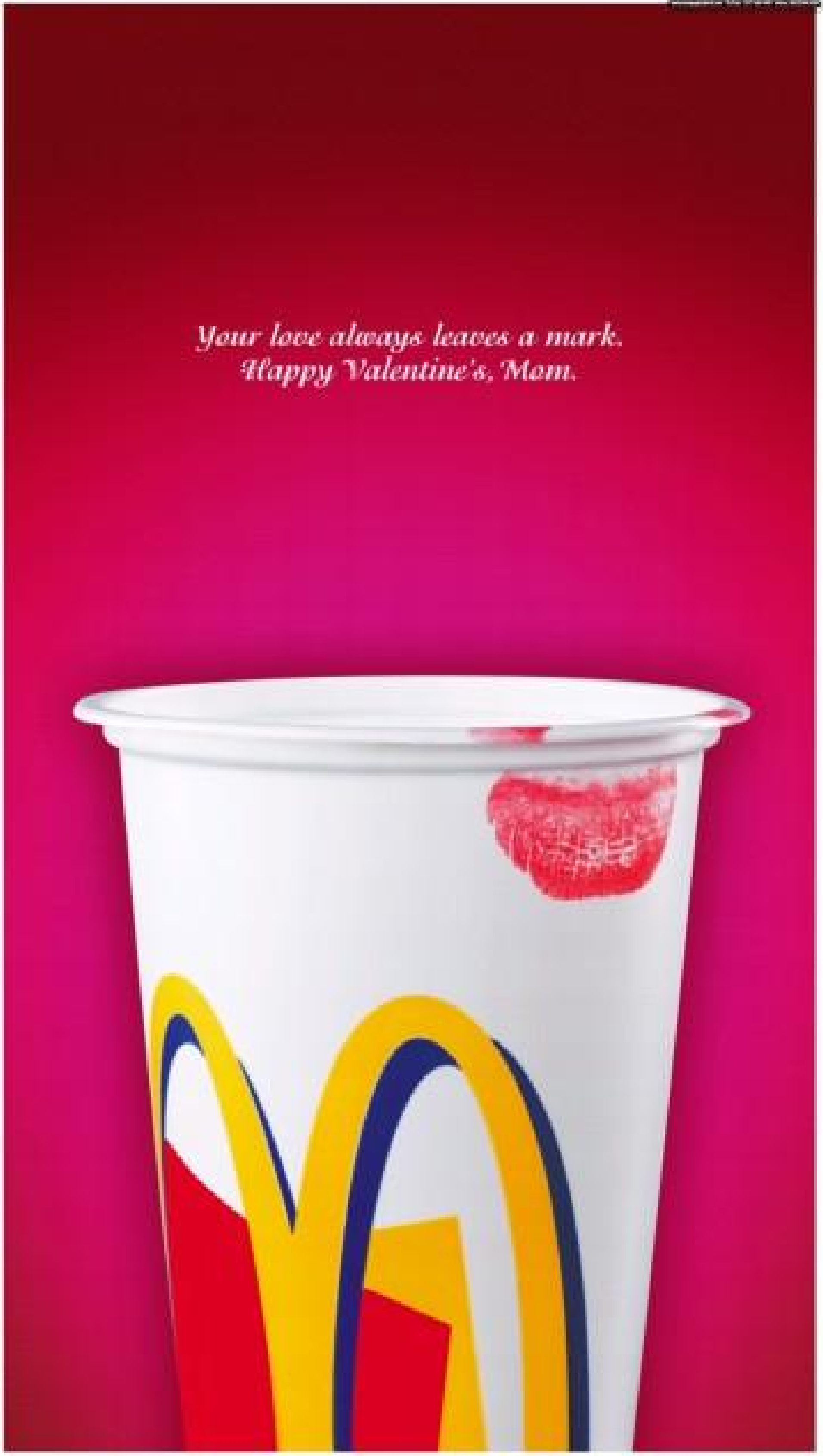
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VALENTINE'S DAY TREAT

Prescription drug Viagra sold over counter in UK

LONDON—MEN WILL BE able to buy impotence treatment Viagra over the counter in Britain for the first time from Valentine's Day, chemist chain Alliance Boots said on Sunday.

Reuters


Your love always leaves a mark.
Happy Valentine's, Mom.

SPORTS

Editor: Teodyvic S. Malacaño



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Harbour nails Game 1

Story on A30





Asoro, starters power big Harbour windup



HARBOUR Centre's Richard Alonzo gets double teamed by Hapee-PCU's Bruce Belga and Mark Borboran in yesterday's Game 1.

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It's not just height the Mamiits share



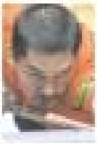
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Parallel course

Net heroes to carry RP colors versus New Zealand

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Alcano forges finals clash with Immonen



ALCANO

Libel with a heart, gift from the BAP

Bare Eye



Recah Trinidad

Kings fight for dear life today

Realtors replace Chua



Air21 confirms interest in Jawo



Webber fuels hot Pistons





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Coming out not easy for Amaechi



AMAECHI

Injured Nash withdraws from All-Stars

Karters test-drive bids in Cavite race

PAL Interclub draws 78 senior teams



ZUBIRI



SHUTTLE CHAMPS

Nestea serves beach volley this March

By Jasmine W. Payo

Juvic seeks repeat win in TCC Invt'l; P3M at stake

10 chess players given 5 days to prove innocence

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SJC Cockers Club derby on

100 entries in 'Largahan'



All pro-team for Seaba event top option–Eala



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Reynante rules Tagaytay race

The Amazing Winners of Caltex with Techron









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Gov't decides to rebid Transco

Move to push back privatization by another year

MORE THAN A WEEK AFTER DECLARING THE PUBLIC bidding for the 25-year National Transmission Corp. (Transco) concession a failure, the Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (PSALM) has decided [illegible]

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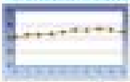
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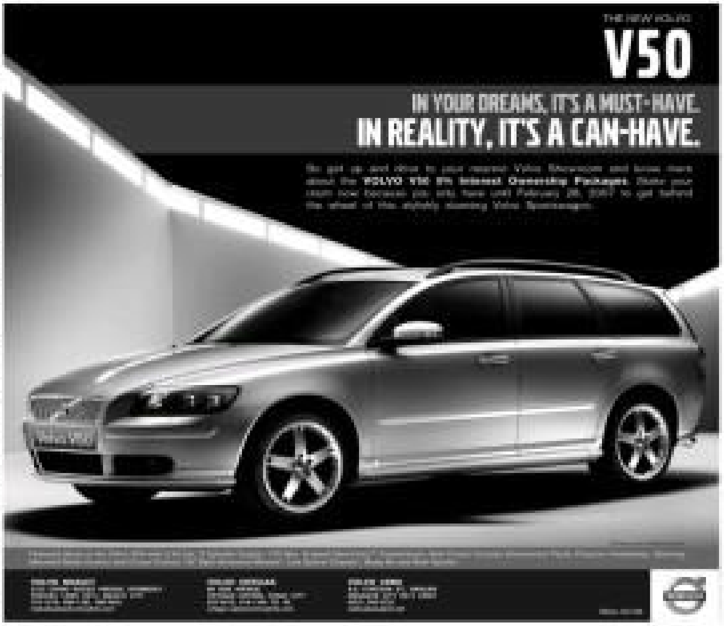
Planned national vehicle backed

Proposed price ceiling for PhUV set at P350,000



Chemrez sees increase in biodiesel exports

Fitch upgrades credit outlook on RCBC to 'positive'



Jinchuan eyes tie-up with Tan firm

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Japanese shares near 7-year high; dollar slips

Reuters

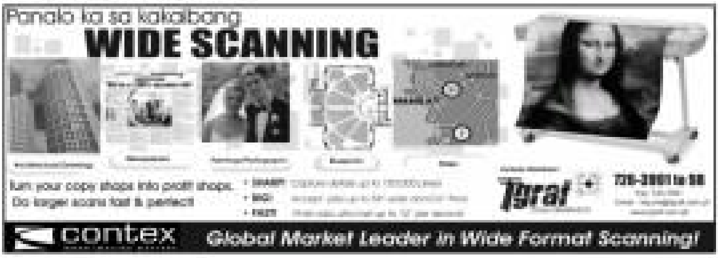
Oil holds below $58

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Euro zone GDP ends '06 with a bang

Reuters





China seen growing 10.2%

AP







Business

T-bond rate drops to 5.98%

Banks scramble for dwindling supply of gov't securities

By Michelle V. Remo

In Subic, a science facility to train athletes

By Dennis U. Eroa



MOTORING

Editor: Cesar D. Mangawang







The hard way to own a Porsche is to buy the 2007 Boxster S at P6.25M. But there's a 2000 model at just P3.2M. Now that makes your heart just skip a beat

Feelin' hip and Porsche all over, at half the price

IF YOU'VE ALWAYS WANTED to acquire a Porsche, and be among the 65 or so Boxster owners here in the Philippines, you can always go to the PGA showroom on Edsa and have your checkbook ready for a spanking new 2007 Boxster S with a four-year warranty at P6,250,000. But hold that thought.

Maintenance checks



A reluctant note

My drift



Speed

Beauty

MotorScope

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Octane rating: the power of premium gasoline

Latest in radiator repair technology

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Driving impressions

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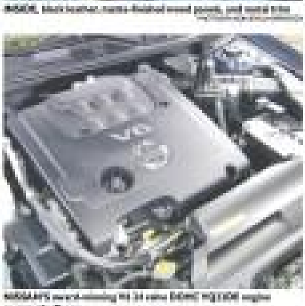


ELEGANT in the relative simplicity of the design

Waiting for the Teana



INSIDE, black leather, matte-finished wood panels, and metal trim



NISSAN'S award-winning V6 24-valve DOHC VQ23DE engine powers the Teana.

ON THE ROAD



Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

A ROSE BY ANY OTHER name would smell just as sweet, Shakespeare once wrote. So whether the Nissan Teana is sold as the Cefiro in Singapore and Hong Kong, as the Teana in Thailand or as the Maxima in Australia and North America, the nomenclature doesn't matter. What really matters is whether Nissan Motor Co. has come up with a car that will compete capably with other brands in its market segment.

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Performance

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Intelligence key

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TODAY'S BUMPER STICKER: [illegible]

E-mail comments to [illegible]

Toyota extends Triple Crown promo to Feb. 28

TOYOTA MOTOR PHILIPPINES CORP. extends its January 'Triple Crown' promo until Feb. 28. Prizes are doubled from 15 to 30 raffle prizes composed of 10 Sony Play Station 3 units, 10 Panasonic 32" LCD Television and 10 Vios 1.3E compact sedans. Promo period has been extended from Jan. 31 to Feb. 28, with grand draw to be held on March 8.

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Low down payments

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More than lowering toll fees



By Charles E. Buban

FOR THOSE WHO haven't noticed it yet, driving through the North Luzon Expressway (NLEX) costs much less these days after its operator, the Manila North Tollways Corp., decided to reduce the toll rates by as much as 10 percent.

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First 14 km

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Much lower cost

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More new lane km

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2BU! To be you

LIFESTYLE

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2BU! SURVEY

What celebs did for love

People in show biz do crazy things for love. As if we didn't know . . .

Text by Nina Mark H. Sabino, 2BU! Correspondent
Photos by Konrad Ong



MANCA Valerio

LOVE MAKES US DO A LOT OF things: mistakes, stupid stuff, grand gestures, sacrifices. It's definitely no different with the stars. Even celebrities will do anything and everything for love.



AIZA Marquez



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Love overload



It's Valentine's Day and 2bU! joins the fun by showering you with different kinds of love.

Get an overdose of sweetness as people share with you the most romantic things they have done for love. We asked Pinoys from different parts of the world to spill their dating secrets. We have stories on bisexual love, self-love, frustrating love, long-distance love, complicated love, love according to the stars and more.

And in case you didn't have the time to plan your special day, we have alternative gift and date ideas that can rock your world. We're also giving away a lot of prizes—sunglasses, bracelets, surprises from SM and two hot 2-gig iPod Nanos. Start reading and find out how you can win.

Oh, love and its complications!



Can you be more complicated in love?



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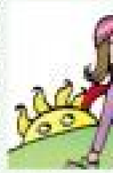
Online hunter

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Kidnap Cupid!

Burnt lamb chops or, how I learned to love ruining things

By Ryan Fernandez

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Being 'bi'

By Niño Mark M. Sablan
2bU Correspondent

WHEN I WAS VERY young, I had a huge crush on David Charvet on "Baywatch." I wanted to drown so he could save me from the evil ocean and carry me in his big, strong arms.

The problem was that I was also into Pamela Anderson. I wanted to drown so she could give me mouth-to-mouth while her big boobs pressed my chest.

Now how could I have had a crush on both David Charvet, a male, and Pamela Anderson, a female?

Well, simple: I was bisexual. I still am, actually. I am gay, yes, because I like men emotionally, romantically and sexually. But I also like women—emotionally, romantically and sexually. So I guess I am bisexual.

What I am not is a gay man who's just using the label to escape [illegible] blows from society.

Being bisexual is no different from being homosexual in the sense that society is still unforgiving of both bisexuals and homosexuals.

One hard thing about being bisexual is the impression that a bisexual person is emotionally and sexually promiscuous. It doesn't mean that just because one likes both men and women, you'll bed everyone.

When a bisexual person is in a relationship, the same laws apply, whether the person is with someone of the same or the opposite sex. I mean, I have a girlfriend and there are almost-irresistible beings out there—both male and female—but since I am in a relationship, I strive to be loyal and faithful.

But the best thing about being bisexual is having the best of both worlds. It's also nice to know that on a Saturday night, my chances of scoring a date are bigger than your next-door straight guy. I have always believed that when I realized that I liked guys as well, I didn't close the doors on girls. I just opened my door really wide so that everyone—even the guys—could come in.

As a bisexual man, I have realized that sometimes, looks, appearances or containers do not matter. What matters is what's inside—the kindness, the personality, the oneness of human. I feel blessed to have come to a point where loving someone isn't just based on gender or sexual preference. I feel good knowing that I love souls, not men or women.

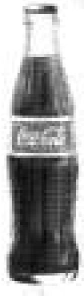
I mean, why would I stop myself from loving someone just because he's got a penis?

E-mail the author at [illegible]@yahoo.com









LIFESTYLE

Tuneful of winners

WE HAVE WINNERS!

Madeline Ong, 19

Ateneo de Manila University



SELF-ESTEEM CHRONICLES

The odd girl out



She was dark, curly haired and not chinky. And she was supposedly 'Tenay.' But she learned to love her endowments.

Loving myself

Be a part of 1bUI and Dove's Self-Esteem Chronicles

100 YEARS OF KISSES AND MORE KISSES



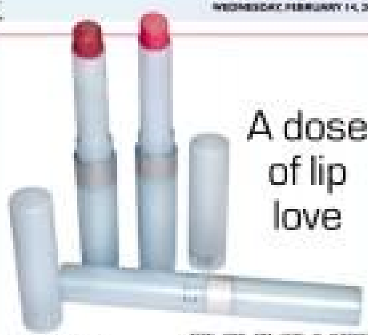


Tuneful of winners



Pauline May G. Gervacio, 23
De La Salle-Health Sciences Campus

A dose of lip love





Win an iPod Nano for your loved one!

Skip the mix tape and load this baby up with the soundtrack to your love story





LIFESTYLE



Valentine's shopping challenge

Text by Bianca Consunji
2bU Correspondent
Photo by Alanah Torralba

IN THE ANIMATED FILM "Beauty and the Beast," the Beast asks Cogsworth what he could get as a gift for Belle. Cogsworth replies, "Well, there's the usual things: flowers, chocolates, promises you don't intend to keep..."





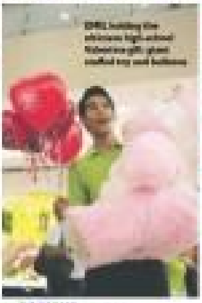



PICKING out a ring from the jewelry counter


ADDING up the prices of their purchases


TAKING a breather in the Home and Furniture section


DYNAMIC duo Clarissa Paula Dacayo and Ralph Ramos




HOLDING out a chocolate bouquet

Two couples raced around SM Makati in search of the perfect Valentine presents

Valentine's shopping challenge


SWEET pair Che-An Kubota and Emil Molina

Che-An Kubota, 20, and Emil Molina, 19

What they bought:

Clarissa Paula Dacayo, 22, and Ralph Ramos, 22

What they bought:


GRABBING a box of Ferrero Rocher


CHE on the lookout for a romantic music CD

SEARCHING for sweets at the candy counter





COUPLES gathered at the SM Prestige Lounge before the shopping challenge



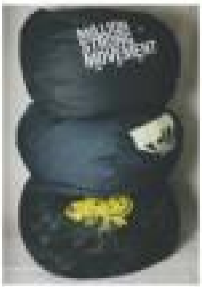




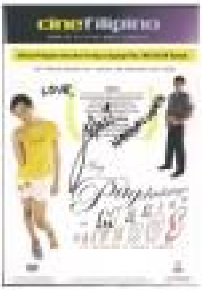
Assorted fabric-covered boxes from Indie Art



WWF-Philippines membership



Bean bags from Team Manila



'Ang Pagdadalaga ni Maximo Oliveros' DVD

Alternative gift guide



Graphic tees from Lupang Hinirang Shirts



Odd Love from Oddball Friends



Moleskine notebooks



Love for your wrist



PACIFIC BLUE WATCHES HAS come up with its Special Valentine Collection, which consists of especially designed bracelets with heart-shaped motifs. Also part of the collection are watch faces with red-heart designs in them. Pacific Blue watches are available at all SM department stores.



Just Click photos

Alternative gift guide

Compiled by Tammy David and Zee Castro
2bU! Correspondent

No bears! No flowers! No five-course meals! Not even chocolate! Enough of the usual sweet nothing-type of gifts. Here are some gift ideas that will surely leave a mark and definitely won't end up in a bonfire some day.

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LifeStyle

Alternative Valentine's date ideas

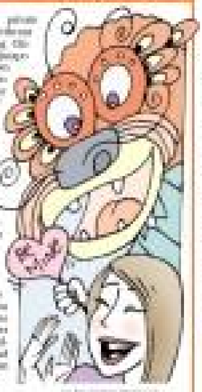
Dump the predictable cliches. Be creative. Date with a flair

By Walter Ang
2bU! Correspondent

WE KNOW THE FORMULA for Valentine's Day dates. You have the de rigueur chocolates, flowers, fancy dinners, soft music, the works. It's all fun and exciting and romantic, but if you'd rather not deal with the crowds, the traffic and the endless list of things that could go wrong, you can also try 2bU!'s "alternadate" ideas.

We've come up with a list of date ideas you can try on the day of love. Hey, your time together can be just as romantic even without candlelight.

Take a hike



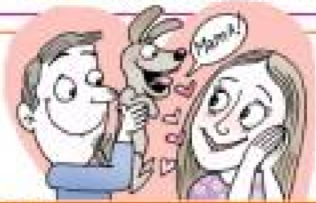
Arrange for a private walking tour of vibrant districts, heading the masses in colorful Quiapo—any area of downtown Manila you haven't been to before. If you've never been to these parts of the city, you might as well visit them with someone you like, right? The nostalgic feel of old Art-Deco buildings, the energy of the marketplace, the vibe of the people are all ingredients in this unique first date. If you're feeling brave, you can go on your own and revel in the joy of the unplanned itinerary. If you'd rather have someone guide you along, check out the websites of [illegible] Ivan Mandy (www.old-manilawalks.com) and Carlos Celdran (http://celdrantours.blogspot.com/).

Day at the museum



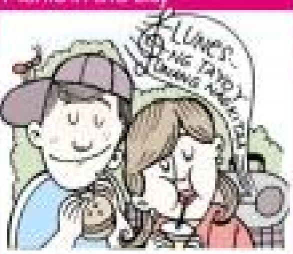
A date is the only time you've been to a museum was back in the fourth grade with your classmates. This time, no one is forcing you to go so you'll have a better chance of enjoying yourself. Plus, you're a little older now, which means you would actually appreciate the things you can see in a museum. There are lots of different kinds of museums (arts and galleries) that will suit your fancy (art, history, etc.). To find one that will interest you both, you can visit the site of the Museum Volunteers of the Philippines (http://[illegible]).

Do good



You and your loved one spend so much time making each other happy. Why not spread the joy to the other people around you? Visit an orphanage, go to an old folks' home, volunteer to build houses for the less fortunate, adopt a dog or cat or a little puppy, donate your date money to charity—the possibilities are endless.

Picnic in the city



Forget Tagaytay or Baguio. Have a picnic in the middle of the city. Where? Away from the maddening crowd, you can spend a nice quiet evening together on the rooftop of a building. Sitting on your gingham blanket, you can dine under a canopy of stars and amid the glow of city lights. [illegible] a night-time picnic. The sound of the occasional car horn from down below will only add to the urban flair. You know what kind of soundtrack would make it feel like a scene right out of a movie? Bring along a transistor radio and tune in to an AM station that plays those old Tagalog love songs. The crackle and static is all part of the fun.



You can make your cake (and eat it, too!)

Try learning something you both have never tried. Not only will you experience or learn something new, you create a new memory for both of you to share. Why not learn how to ballroom dance? Why not take a one-day cooking class? [illegible] Remember the movie "Ghost"? Be your own Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze: Enroll in a pottery class. The Instituto Cervantes (http://manila.cervantes.es/) has some upcoming gastronomy-related classes like "Marketing Spanish Wine" and "Introduction to Spanish Cuisine."



Shy in San Francisco

Searching in Switzerland



Dating around th

Pinoy

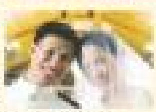
Pinoys from different parts of the world share their dating secrets

Nice guy in New York



Sweetest things

A rundown of the stunts people have done, all in the name of love





Fling-free in Frankfurt



Long-distance love in London



...he world, ...-style

WE ALL KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE to date in this country. But how are Pinoys faring in other parts of the world?

We scouted around and made some gutsy Pinoys spill their deepest dating secrets.

Read about them. And if you feel like sharing your stories too, you can. (See sidebar for details.)

Confident in Canada



Tell us about your love life



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LEO



Lovable eyewear







Delicious, lovely ceremony



Win love bracelets



Inspirational book

ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde



KYLIE Minogue and Olivier Martinez

A true love story

SYDNEY—AUSTRALIAN SINGER KYLIE Minogue is urging fans not to blame her ex-boyfriend, French actor Olivier Martinez.

—Reuters



HEART EVANGELISTA

Heart: I was a Jessica Simpson in the making

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

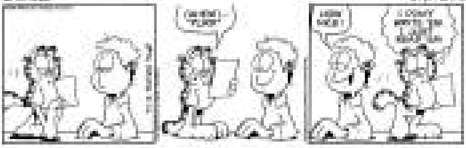
SAYS HEART EVANGELISTA of the different projects lined up for her by ABS-CBN: "It's a Christmas-birthday-Valentine gift rolled into one."

That's probably because she is celebrating her birthday today.

Alma mater

Very sheltered

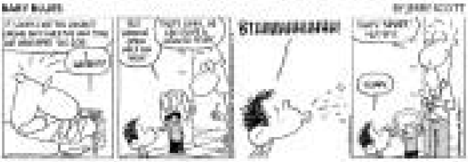
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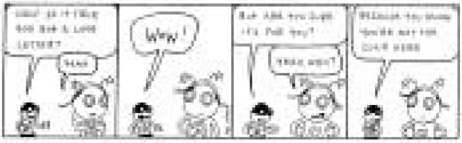
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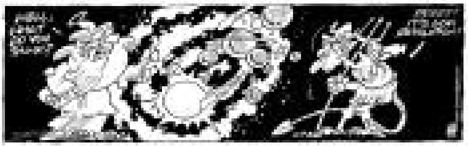
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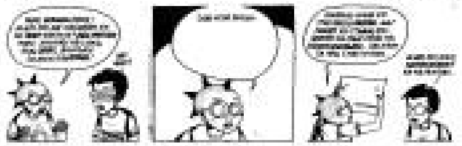
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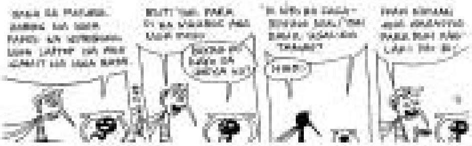
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KIKO MACHINE — BY MANIX ABRERA



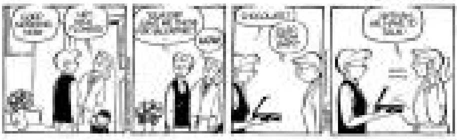
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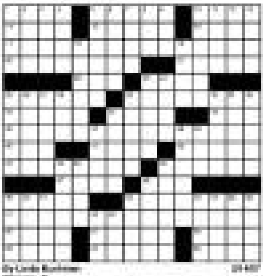
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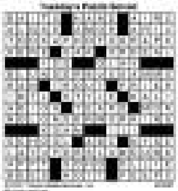


BEN — BY DANIEL SHELTON



DAILY CROSSWORD





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Conceptis Sudoku by Dave Green

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HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

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'Cars' is top animated film

GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA—A COCKY RACE CAR THAT LEARNS THE wisdom of slowing down won the race for Best Animated Feature at the 34th annual Annie Awards, honoring achievements in feature film and television animation.

"Cars," from The Walt Disney Co. and Pixar Animation Studios, on Sunday defeated contenders that included "Happy Feet" from Warner Bros., "Over the Hedge," from DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc., "Monster House" from Sony Pictures, a division of Sony Corp., and "Open Season," also from Sony Pictures.

The Annie Awards are presented by The International Animated Film Society. The winner has gone on to claim the Oscar for animated feature every year since the Academy Award for animation was created.

Three films are contending for the animated feature Oscar on Feb. 25, including "Cars," "Monster House" and "Happy Feet."



"CARS"



Music from 'Dreamgirls'

MUSIC [illegible] Columbia Records and Sony BMG have released "Dreamgirls—Music From the Motion Picture," the official soundtrack album of the [illegible] "Dreamgirls."

The album features performances by Beyoncé, Jamie Foxx, Eddie Murphy and Jennifer Hudson, including "And I Am Telling You (I'm Not Going)," "One Night Only" and "Listen."

It is available in standard CDs and limited edition deluxe 2-CD edition [illegible] booklet.

SPIN CITY

Christian songs

[illegible] has launched "18 Great Christian Love Songs Volume 1," featuring 18 Christian love songs originally performed by noted artists like Michael W. Smith, Steven Curtis Chapman and [illegible].

Among these songs are "Love Of My Life," "I Will Be Here," "Imagine Me Without You," "Words Of My Heart" and "Holding Hands."

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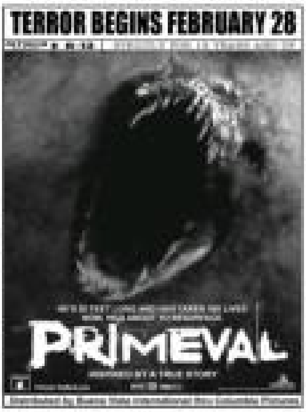
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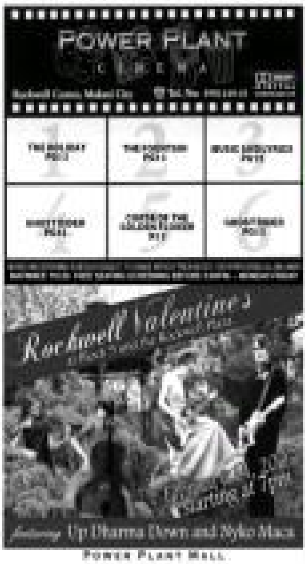














ENTERTAINMENT

Nicolas Cage enjoys a helluva trip in 'Ghost Rider'

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

LOS ANGELES—"I DID not sell my soul to the devil!" quipped Oscar awardee Nicolas "Nic" Cage.

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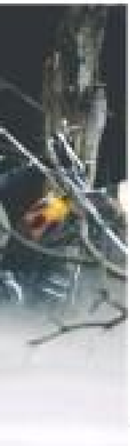
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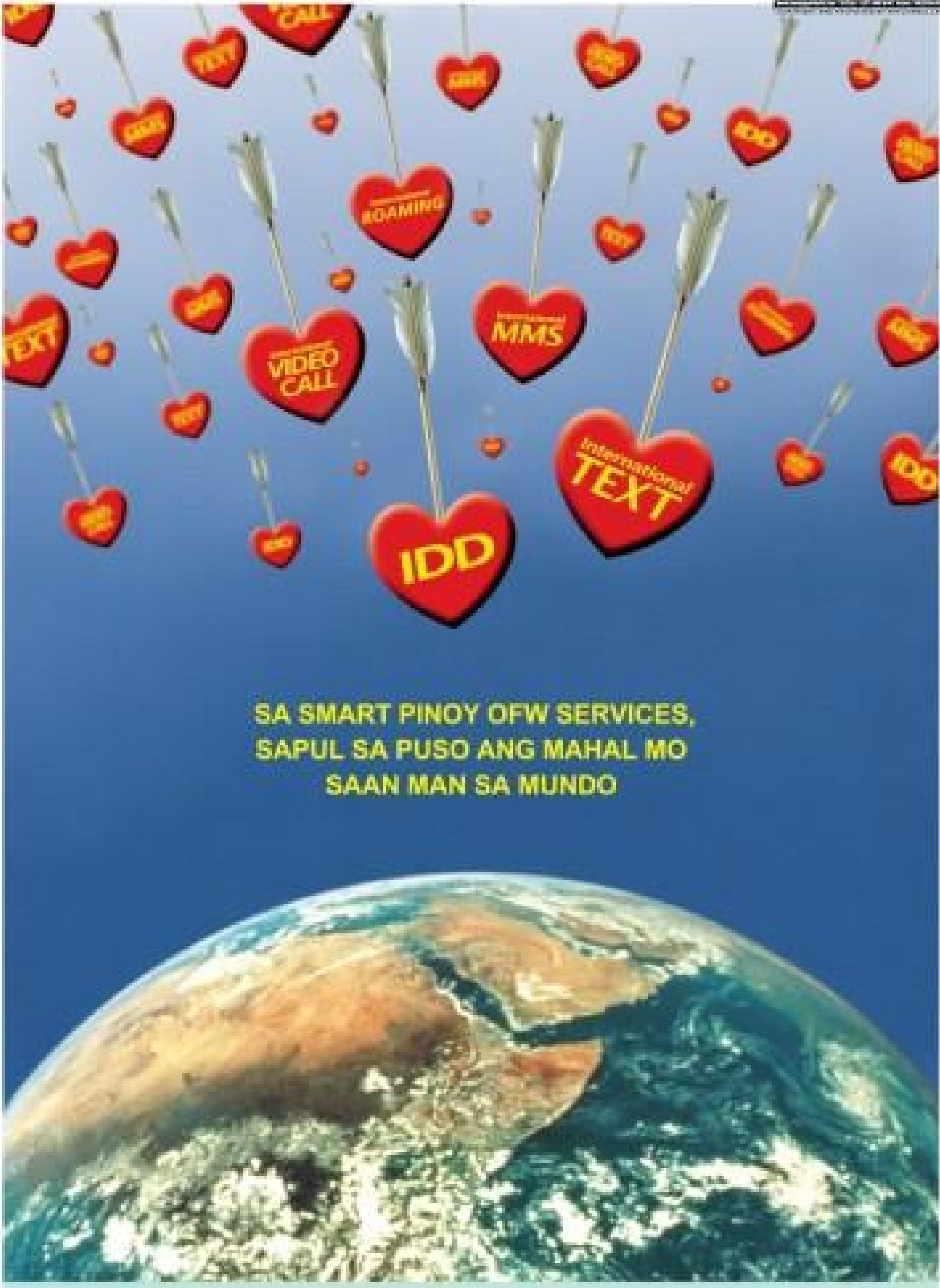
Gym work

Father of two



Unlike the other heroes like Superman and Batman, Ghost Rider is a little deeper. He is spiritual. He is the comic-book Faust. He is philosophical

Cage ...



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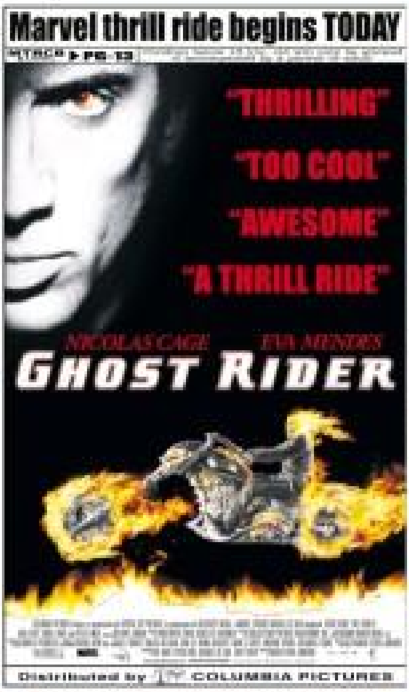
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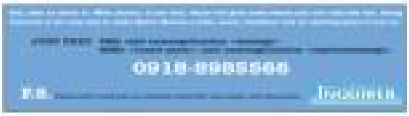
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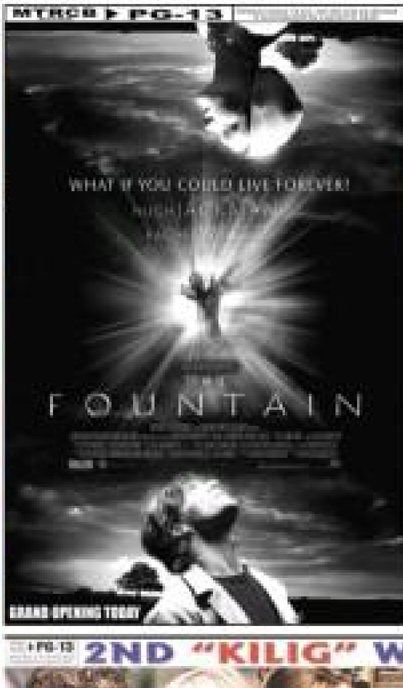


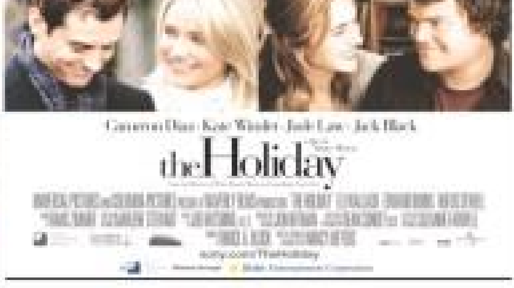

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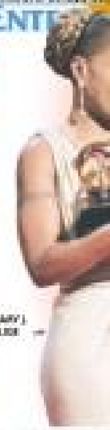

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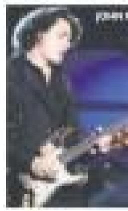

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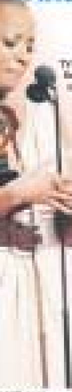

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MARY J. BLIGE



Grammy vignettes: Mary J mouthful and more





HELEN MIRREN

Royal victories—again

LONDON—Royalty reigned at the British film awards on Sunday with "The Queen" ... Helen Mirren Best Actress for her portrayal of the monarch, while "The Last King of Scotland" scooped three awards.

Pitch-perfect Deutsch



CATE BLANCHETT

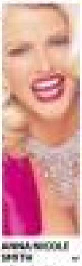
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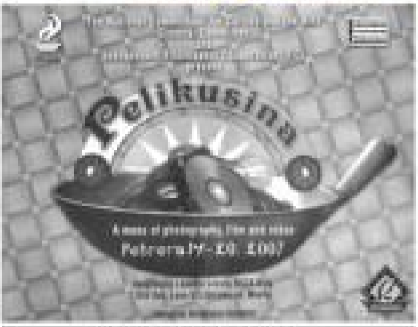
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Did You Know...

Entertainment highlights during the week of Feb. 11-17:

1950: Disney released the movie "Cinderella."

1961: Frank Sinatra unveiled his own record label, Reprise. Sinatra did not have a very high opinion of rock music, but the label would release recordings by The Beach Boys, Jimi Hendrix and The Kinks.

1965: Singer Nat "King" Cole died of lung cancer in Santa Monica, California. He was 45.

1972: David Bowie first performed as "Ziggy Stardust," at a show in Tolworth, England.

1974: The Captain and Tennille—also known as Daryl Dragon and Toni Tennille—were married in California.

1977: The Police recorded their first single, "Fall Out."

1979: The Clash kicked off its first US tour in New York.

1999: Talk show host Jerry Springer swapped jobs with one of his viewers and worked as a flight attendant on a flight from New York to Pittsburgh. He spilled a drink on a passenger.

1997: Michael Jackson and then-wife Debbie Rowe became parents to a son named Prince.

